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Another Kremlin Meeting

Moscow, August 30.
The three Western envoys went to the Kremlin again late today for another conference over blocked Berlin and East-West differences on Germany.

The British, American and French diplomats had an appointment with Foreign Minister Molotov. It was the ninth in a series of meetings since July 30. Strict official secrecy has been maintained from all four capitals on the conferences.—Associated Press.

Hurricane Violence In Italy

Rome, August 30.
Violent hurricanes accompanied by cloudbursts and hailstorms took four lives and caused over 1,000,000,000 lire damage to crops, boats and buildings in Northern Italy early yesterday morning.

Four women were killed and buried under debris in Canonica Valley near the city of Brescia when their homes collapsed. One of the victims was Mrs. Lina Mangiarotti, wife of the Italian Olympic fencing champion, Mr. Dario Mangiarotti. The latter succeeded in escaping to safety with his two sons.

The hurricane and downpour uprooted trees, smashed boats, washed away docks and piers and caused landslides which blocked traffic in many parts of Northern Italy.

In the fishing town of Chioggia, on the Adriatic, 24 fishing boats were wrecked or badly damaged. Shacks along the seashore were squashed and house roofs blown away.—United Press.

36 Killed In New American Airliner

Fountain City, Wisconsin, August 30.
Search parties picked their way through rugged country along the Mississippi River today, seeking the bodies of 36 persons killed when a new type of airliner crashed in a storm last night.

A big Martin-102 plane, operated by Northwest Airlines, roared down out of the storm at dusk and ploughed into Buffalo Ridge just south of here. It carried 33 passengers and three of the crew to their deaths.

Only 10 bodies had been found early today. But the police said

GIVE EVIDENCE IN PWD LARCENY CASE

Approximately 100 witnesses will be called for the prosecution in the case in which eight employees, including two Europeans, of the Public Works Department's electrical workshop of Hung Hom, are being charged with larceny of Government electrical materials.

NEGROES' PRAYER PROTEST

Capetown, August 30.
The South African coloured people are to hold a national prayer week from September 5 to 12, to focus public attention on the Government's recent segregation measures on suburban railway trains, when special carriages were introduced "for Europeans only."

Announcing this today, the Coloured People's National Union added that the prayers would "in addition serve as a protest against the Government proposal to tamper with the existing rights of the coloured peoples of the Cape Province and Natal."

Due reference would be made, the statement added, to similar proposals regarding Africans and Indians "who also stand to be disenfranchised by the Government," but it was not proposed to advance any demands of the law, or to inflame feelings between sections of the community.

Dr. Malan's Government recently proposed to take away the Bantu natives parliamentary representation, and decided to abolish the right of Indians to vote and sit in the Union Parliament.—Reuter.

London, August 30.
Twenty-nine members of ten Australian air-crews, placed at the disposal of the British Government, for the Berlin air-lift, arrived at a London airport from Sydney today.—Reuter.

Hearing of the case will occupy five full days, it was revealed by Chief Inspector J. Johnston at Kowloon yesterday when the accused were again remanded by Mr. J. Wicks for another week.

Defendants are Austin Spary, 49-year-old Grade I electrical engineer, charged with larceny on or about April 19, between March 1 and July 24, and on or about June 20; Kwok Kwong, aged 46, foreman, Loung King, 48 years, assistant foreman; Ngau Pui, Tong Chuen and Kam Wing, electricians charged with Spary on the first count.

Kwok Kwong also appeared as co-defendant with Spary on the other two charges, and with Arthur Frederick May, 41-year-old electrical engineer inspector, and Lee Cho, aged 29, electrician, on the charge of larceny between July 23 and August 10.

Kwok also faces the additional charges of larceny on or about December 1, 1947, and larceny of five electric motors on or about October 15 last.

Complicated Case

In requesting a week's formal remand for all defendants, CI Johnston said that the case at the moment was very complicated, and that a number of witnesses have still to be interviewed. To give a definite date for the hearing would be misleading the court.

Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios said that he must object to a week's formal remand in custody for Kwok Kwong as the man had not been out of bail. His client, he said, had been in custody since August 10.

Mr. Remedios' application for particulars of the charges was supported by Mr. P. J. Griffiths who said that the case has now reached that stage when particulars should be furnished to the defence at the earliest possible moment.

Particulars Given

CI Johnston replied that the particulars would be given to the defence solicitors so soon as the prosecution is in possession of them, adding that he hoped it would be within this week.

The magistrate told Mr. Remedios that it was he (Mr. Wicks) and not CI Johnston who had pressed for a date to be fixed, and that he was prepared to give precedence to this case where dates are concerned.

Spary, represented by Mr. Griffiths, and May, defended by Mr. C. J. Stewart, were remanded on bail of \$2,500 and \$1,000, respectively, and the other accused in gaol custody, for a week.

"Hamlet" Well Received In Singapore

Singapore, August 30.
Shakespeare, as represented by Sir Laurence Olivier's film of "Hamlet," is a hit with Singapore's largely Chinese audience. Ten thousand persons here saw it during its first four days' showing, advance bookings were the heaviest for any film in Singapore and exhibitors said they would show it here "indefinitely."

Movie people here were particularly pleased since Sir Laurence's earlier Shakespearean film, "Henry V," was not a great success locally. "Hamlet," however, has been given vastly more advance publicity than the earlier production.—Associated Press.

PORK OFF

The Hague, August 29.
Housewives and butchers are incensed by the Ministry of Agriculture's decision to prohibit the sale of pork until the end of 1949. The Ministry states that the decision was taken because Holland's stock of porkers has decreased to 607,000 due to the slaughtering of 1,500,000 pigs in 1947 and 1948.—Reuter.

Attempt At Third Meeting

Berlin, August 30.
The Berlin City Assembly will attempt to meet again tomorrow, officials announced today.

This will mark the third time within six days that the city administration has attempted to hold a session.

Communist rioters broke up both Thursday's and Friday's meetings.

Dr. Ferdinand Friedeburg, acting Mayor of Berlin, making the announcement at a press conference this morning said the meeting will be held providing the Russians give assurances of police protection and the expected communique is announced on the Moscow East-West talks.

The Mayor said if the Russian assurance fails to materialise by tomorrow or the communique is delayed the meeting will be put off until Friday.—United Press.

BRITAIN'S STAND ON COLONIES JUSTIFIED

London, August 30.
The Conservative Daily Telegraph and the Liberal Manchester-Guardian both said today that Britain's opposition to any suggestion that the United Nations has any right of control over the British colonial empire, was fully justified.

The papers were commenting on the memorandum issued by the Colonial Office yesterday, emphasising Britain's determination to renew her previous stand on this point when the special UNO committee meets at Geneva on Thursday.

Russian Implication

"Russian spokesmen at the United Nations have from time to time suggested that such an attitude implies that the British Government has something to hide. In fact, it is incomparably easier to visit even the remotest British colony than any part of the U.S.S.R."

"The Government cannot, on any showing, be accused of excessive insistence on Britain's rights as colonial power. If now even they feel that the time has come to dig in their toes, we may be sure that it is so indeed."

The Manchester Guardian said that it was quite wrong to think that any country with colonial territories is in any way responsible to the Trusteeship Council for its colonial administration or that the Council has been endowed by the United Nations charter with any authority to approve or disapprove the acts of the governments concerned.

Communist Comment

"These must be fully met. But the Council's proceedings so far have not always been such as to encourage any colonial nations to invite it to extend its activities beyond its authorized frontiers."

The Communist Daily Worker said: "At a moment when Britain is engaged in a colonial war of some magnitude in Malaya, it is not surprising to find the Colonial Office issuing a haughty statement, today, that the United Nations has no right to interfere in the relations between Britain and its colonies."

QUAKE SHOCK

Tirane, August 29.
Radio reported tonight that one man was killed and several persons injured when a violent earthquake shook the Scutari region of Albania during the night.—Reuter.

Syndicate Of Clerks Sells Trade Secrets

On payment of a monthly sum of \$25, local businessmen can obtain information as to the nature and quantity of goods which their competitors or other exporters have shipped to other parts of the world.

The circulation of this information has been made possible by certain clerks working in shipping offices who have formed themselves into a syndicate.

The relevant information is obtained by these clerks from bills of lading and other shipping documents covering goods shipped on steamers of the respective companies in which they are employed.

The information, which also includes the name of the steamer and date of shipment, is first printed in order and then printed be-

fore circulation to subscribers, once a week.

Local businessmen can also obtain particulars as to the names and addresses of overseas importers, the type of goods which they are importing from Hong Kong and the prices at which such goods are being sold.

With this information, many local exporters have been able to enter a new field and to under-quote their competitors.

This latter information is furnished by certain bank clerks, who handle the collection of bills for local exporters.

Schuman Gets Another Chance To Run France

Paris, August 29.

M. Paul Ramadier, a former Socialist Premier, who had been asked by M. Vincent Auriol, the President of the Republic, to form a new Government, tonight refused the Presidential invitation, the French news agency reported.

M. Robert Schuman, the Popular Republican, was asked by the President to accept the task of forming a Government to replace the month-old Coalition Cabinet of M. Andre Marie, which fell early yesterday, the agency added.

Leaderless France was earlier today waiting to see whether M. Ramadier would accept President Auriol's request. M. Ramadier, to whom the President offered the Premiership this morning, said that he would

give his answer at 6.00 p.m. BST today after consultations with his Socialist colleagues and with other party leaders.

He was given an even chance of getting enough support from the other parties to succeed. He saw M. Marie, the outgoing Radical Premier, and among M. Ramadier's other callers at the Ministry of the Interior were M. Leon Blum, the veteran Socialist leader, M. Rene Mayer, the outgoing Radical Minister of National Defence, M. Francois de Menthon, President of the Popular Republican group in the National Assembly, M. Claudius Petit, President of the Democratic Socialist and Resistance group, M. Gabriel Cudot, President of the Radical group, and M. Leon Jouhaux, the veteran trade union leader, now General Secretary of the Force Ouvriere trade union.

Meanwhile, it was learned that M. Auriol had left the Elysee Palace for Rambouillet, his summer residence.

M. Ramadier earlier today declared: "Strenuous financial and economic measures must be taken. Their burden must fall equally on all the elements of the nation."

"The Government must be assured of lasting a certain time. I mean that the new Government must remain in power until June 30, 1949, when it will be able to draw up a balance of the situation."

Government Action

"What we need is not a Coalition Government but a Government of action, prepared to make all the necessary sacrifices."

Political observers inferred that he intended to try to form a Coalition—excluding the Communists—with a drastic economic programme; or, if the other parties would not agree, to form an anti-Socialist Government. It was generally believed that he would find it difficult to obtain the other parties' support, or even more difficult to obtain the necessary all-vote majority in the Assembly.

Radicals, Moderates, and even Popular Republicans blame the Socialists for the fall of the last Government. Should M. Ramadier refuse to form a Cabinet, it is considered likely that President Auriol will call on M. Schuman.

MANAGER KILLED

Singapore, August 30.

Terrorists today killed the European manager of the Tambora Tin Mine in Negri Sembilan State, 30 miles southwest of Kuala Lumpur, and also killed a special constable before fleeing.

The European is believed to be a Mr. Hunter but this cannot be verified immediately.

At the same time a different group in a well-timed attack assaulted the police station near Telatu, Negri Sembilan. While the station was under attack a group of police reinforcements being moved up ran into a roadblock ambush. Gunfire was exchanged and it is believed one or more of the terrorists were wounded. The police station held out until the reinforcements arrived whereupon the bandits withdrew.—United Press.

Launch Wrecked

Heavy seas wrecked the motor launch Hol Lee off Shaukei about 80 miles North West of Hong Kong, six hours after she left her port of origin for Hong Kong yesterday.

Forty piculs of live fresh water fish were a total loss. The 12 persons on board who were thrown into the rolling waves were saved, as they were in shallow waters.

They were picked up by a passing junk and brought here, where they reported to their employers.

The launch sank after heavy buffeting had holed her bottom. The leak could not be stopped in time.

BIG BLOW EXPECTED IN LUZON

Manila, August 30.

The Pacific typhoon moved to within 200 miles of the Northeast Coast of Luzon today and during the night was expected to pass within 60 miles of Manila.

Typhoon Signal No. 1 was raised in Manila but air disturbance was far to the North and moving away. Nevertheless fresh, gusty winds and rains buffeted the city.

The Philippine Weather Bureau said the storm was moving Northwest at 10 miles an hour. It would centre at 18.3 degrees North, 123 East at 1800 GMT. This meant that Cagayan Valley of Upper Luzon was in for winds up to 70 miles hour and heavy rains.

Phil-American reported that its planes were flying around the disturbance.—Associated Press.

War Games Off Japan

Tokyo, August 30.

The second and concluding phases of the combined Anglo-American naval war games off the East coast of Japan began today with British naval units steaming south from Ominato on the northern tip of Honshu under simulated air attack.

The British will be joined by American naval units from Yokosuka. Both navies will merge forces into defence against air attacks by P-51 fighters and Invader B-26 medium attack-bombers while B-29s will fly overhead in surveillance missions.

At night P-51 Black Widow fighters will fly defensive combat air patrol over the naval forces which will conclude the exercises.—United Press.

London, August 29.
The 2nd Battalion, Glamorgan Guards, which is going to Malaya, attended a dismissal service at the Gunris chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.—Associated Press.

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HMS London Leaves For Her Refit Today

Early today HMS London will leave for Singapore for her annual refitting, with Captain C. T. Addis, DSO, in command.

She will remain in dock for six weeks and then spend some time re-storing before returning to the colony. She is expected back in two months.

Three Births To Every Death

The birth rate in Hong Kong in July was more than three times that of death, according to statistics released by the Registrar of Births and Deaths.

There were 525 babies born in the Colony every hour (or 12,600 daily) during the 31 days of last month, as against 17 deaths (or 408 daily). (The average for the first six months was a birth in every 13 minutes.) The total of 3,909 registered births was 614 more than the average of 3,295 for the first half of the year, and exceeded the average of the first and second quarters by 508 and 719, respectively.

During the month under review, there were only 65 non-Chinese babies born, against 3,844 Chinese. The figures for January to March were 131 and 10,072, and for April to June, 110 and 9,469.

Muncaster Castle Delayed

The Muncaster Castle, the first steamer to resume the Castle Line fast cargo round-the-world service after the war, may leave Hong Kong today to complete the remaining stretch of her maiden voyage from New York to the Far East.

The 8,007-ton converted escort carrier took her clearances on Saturday and is due to leave for Taku Bay at 2 a.m. yesterday.

The local agents, Messrs. (Hong Kong) Limited, reported that engine trouble prevented her departure yesterday and that the vessel may leave today.

The Muncaster Castle arrived here on August 7 with 1,700 tons of general cargo from Manila, after successfully overcoming a series of setbacks during her trip from the Atlantic and Pacific ports to the Colony.

Her trip featured off an ambitious programme of the Castle Line, which includes the acquisition of available modern tonnage and the construction of new vessels incorporated in the plans are the first technical achievements regarding cargo handling, "at sea" and accommodation.

The first phase of the post-war programme called for the resumption of the round-the-world service for which eight vessels will operate bi-monthly sailings.

War Service

The Muncaster Castle was built at Tacoma, Washington, in 1944 and served as an escort carrier during the war. She was named after a pre-war predecessor sunk by the enemy during the war.

Mr. Albert Lacey, master of the steamship, heads a crew of 70, of whom 20 are British officers. The rest are Malaysians, Chinese and Indians, recruited at Singapore.

The vessel has a new, super-structure and handling gear fitted into her hull. She measures 492 feet long with a 60-foot beam, and is capable of doing 17 knots at 10,000 h.p.

The vessel's "corrosion" system is the latest innovation in protecting trans-ocean freight. It consists of three components—the de-humidifying unit, the hold circulating system and the recording instrument which, rust, shrinkage, warping and discoloration. Its main function is to remove from the air of the holds the normally present excess moisture thus maintaining a sweat-free condition.

Funeral Of Mrs P.A.D. Birch

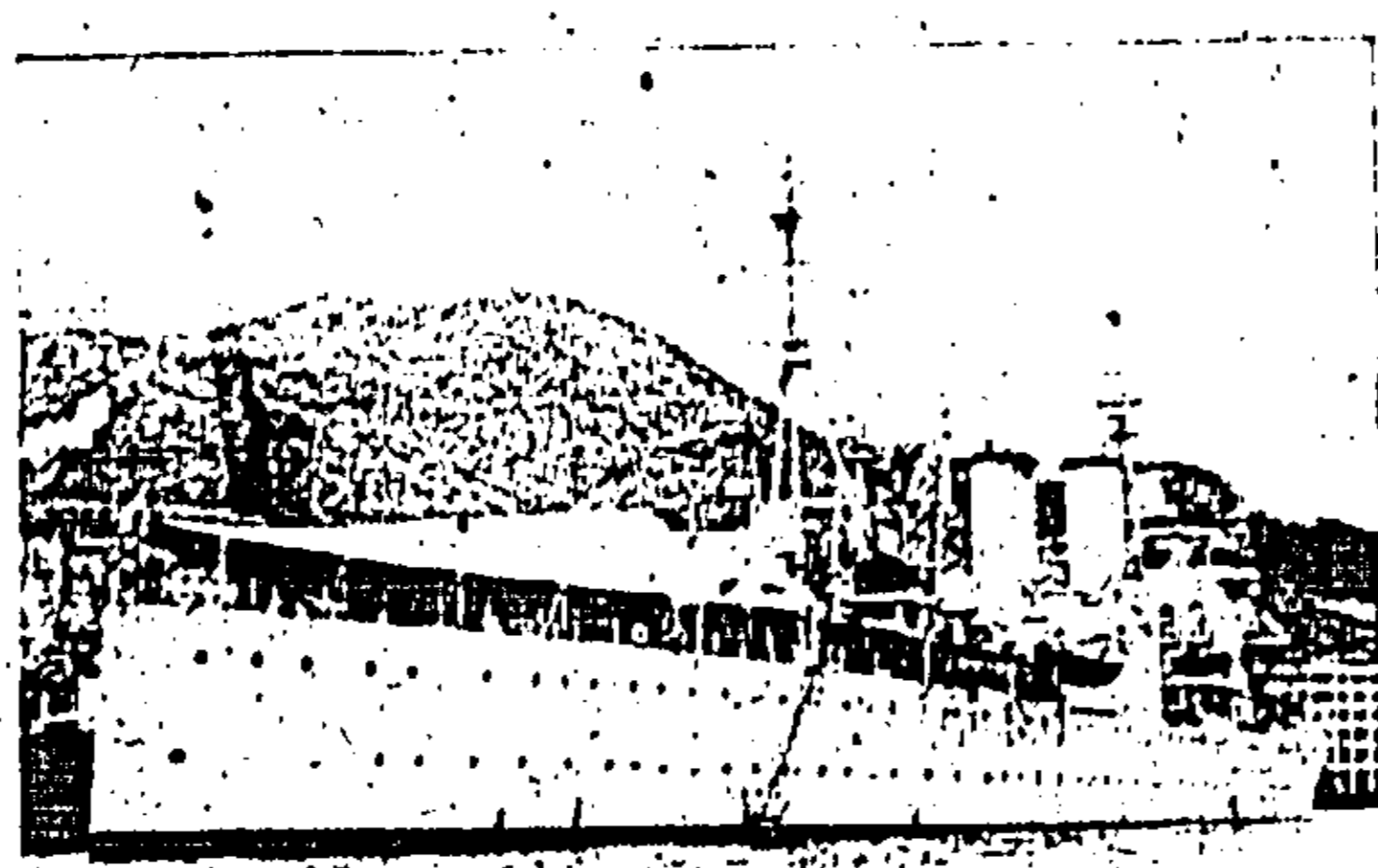
The funeral of Mrs. Pauline Armitage Danby Birch, who died at the Queen Mary Hospital on August 29 after a short illness, took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday.

Mrs. Birch was the wife of Mr. Bernard G. Birch, M.A., Reader in English at the University of Hong Kong.

The service at the chapel and at the graveside, which was conducted by Dean Rose, was attended by a large number of friends.

Among those present were Professor and Mrs. R. K. M. Simpson, Professor R. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Vagnone, Mr. Chan Kwan-po, Mr. B. H. Church, Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, Mr. H. A. Lamont, and many others.

Her husband was the chief mourner.



HMS LONDON

Turk's Head Back In HK Harbour

The 4,000-ton Philippine motorship Turk's Head, which made local news early this year when she ran aground South West of Hong Kong with more than 200 passengers aboard, is back in the harbour.

The Turk's Head, one of the six sister ships of Everett Orient Line, arrived here from Manila yesterday with more than 500 tons of general cargo and six passengers.

Two Spanish priests embarked here. They were the Revs. P. M. P. Sanchez and Jesus Moreno. The others include three Indians and a Briton, who are in transit to India via the Straits.

More cargo is being loaded and seven Hong Kong passengers, including six Indians bound for Colombo and Madras, will embark tomorrow. They include Dr. P. Pillai, Mrs. W. de la Fuente, Santiago and Mrs. F. Tinto.

The motorship, skippered by Mr. J. O. Thomas who heads an all-Filipino crew of 47, left Hong Kong in the middle of February this year for Manila via Balabac and ran aground off Hainan Island. Despite her condition, maintaining half ground and half afloat, she did not send out any distress calls, but informed her Manila office.

Natives Help

A rescue tug, the Pauline, was dispatched from Hong Kong, however, and a submarine, the Seaton, went to stand by while awaiting the Pauline.

The area was at that time infested with pirates and the crew and passengers kept 24-hour vigilance during the three-day stay there. The natives were

helpful and supplied them with food and water.

The Turk's Head is equipped with anti-pirate screens to block all the bridge and main deck from the rest of the vessel. The screens serve as a barrier between the passengers and the bridge, where the officers are in command. Small arms comprise the ship's defence.

The vessel was eventually brought to Hong Kong a week later from Hainan. She remained in Kowloon Docks undergoing necessary repairs.

The Turk's Head, flying the Philippine flag and built in 1945, is operating the Everett Orient Line's fast cargo and passenger service from Japan and the Philippines to India via the Straits.

Going home on short leave to the Isle of Wight by BOAC on Sunday is Mrs. Ethel Holmes-Brown, the General Secretary of St. John's Ambulance Brigade, and popular Hong Kong social worker.

Mrs. Holmes-Brown arrived here in August 1945 when she was attached to the Red Cross. Before taking up her work here Mrs. Holmes-Brown had seen many years of social welfare work in India, Colombia, Manila, British North Borneo, Manila and Australia.

In Hong Kong after the war, she was very actively engaged in RAPW administration and helped to re-establish the civilian part of the Queen Mary Hospital.

May 1946 saw Mrs. Holmes-Brown with the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade in the office of General Secretary.

Her work did not deter her from the lighter side. She has been just as active (and proficient) on the local stage as in her profession. Many theatregoers have seen and enjoyed her performances with the Hong Kong Stage Club last season in parting from a cockney maid (Princess Lauchlin) to the distinguished nobility (Things that Go Bump).

Awards To HK Medical Students

London, Aug. 29. Two young medical men from Hong Kong have been awarded exceptional honours as a result of their studies during the past year in Edinburgh and London respectively.

The Edinburgh student is Dr. Wong Man-hung who has been appointed to the post of house surgeon at the Department of Medicine at Edinburgh.

Mr. Mok Wing-yiu, who has been attending the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and has secured a Diploma, has been awarded the Duncan Medal. This is given annually to the best student for the year.

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GREEK ARMY MOVES INTO NEW OFFENSIVE

Athens, August 29.

Operations against the 2,500 Greek guerrillas in positions north of the Grammos area towards the junction of the Albanian, Yugoslav and Greek borders, were under way tonight and expected to be in full swing by the morning, a military spokesman disclosed.

Three Greek divisions were reported to be involved in the new drive, which is aimed at destroying General Markos' strongholds along the north-eastern section of the Albanian border, through which the guerrillas who escaped from the Grammos area were said to be re-entering Greece.

It was believed that General Markos was trying to make of the Mount Vitsi Range a stronghold similar to the positions he lost in the recent Grammos fighting.

The northern end of the Vitsi Range skirts the eastern shores of Lake Prespa, where the Yugoslav, Greek and Albanian frontiers meet. There is a security blackout on the exact targets set for the Greek forces, but well informed quarters suggested tonight that the drive would be mainly aimed at sealing off the Greek Albanian border.

The "Free Greek Radio," quoted in a Tass agency despatch from Belgrade, reported that fighting was still going on in the Grammos sector, where it said mobile "Democratic Army" detachments were inflicting losses by sudden attacks.

On Thursday, the Greek Army lost 32 men killed and wounded, these reports said.

Raid On Langadas In Central Macedonia, the "Democratic Army" broke into the town of Langadas, where they destroyed the police barracks, the power station and the defence headquarters, the reported added. Many young people joined the Democratic Army from the town and nearby villages, it was reported.

Demolition squads blew up a bridge between Langadas and Sohoh, and derailed a train. "Democratic Army" units captured the town of Vrahnika, six miles from Patras, in the Peloponnese, the reports added.—Reuter.

REVUE AT KCC

An enjoyable evening is promised members of the Kowloon Cricket Club and their friends on Saturday, September 11, when the Ladies Committee holds one of its popular special dance and novelty functions.

Those who have seen, as well as those who missed seeing, the musical revue, "The Magic Lamp," when it was produced at the Club de Recreio early last month, will be glad to hear that it will again be produced at the K.C.C. on September 18.

As at its original presentation, no charge will be made for admission but a collection will be taken during the show, in aid of the Rotary Church Club funds.

The producers hope that Miss Lillian Xavier will have recovered fully from a fractured arm by then to again take the leading part in the revue.

A bridge evening for all members will be held at the Club on Thursday, September 22, and every alternate Thursday. Dinner will be served.

On Friday, September 17, and every third Friday onwards, a bridge and mah-jong drive will be held.

SEAMAN REMANDED

Li Ah-shu, 36-year-old seaman, was remanded for a week by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday, on a charge of assault causing bodily harm.

The complainant, Ko Sau, was still in hospital suffering from collar fracture, explained Inspector Brownrigg who prosecuted for the police.

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EUROPEAN UNITY DREAM

Parliamentarians To Meet At Interlaken

Plans For A Federal Constitution

London, August 29.

The dream of European unity will—at least for a few fleeting days—assume concrete shape this week in the Swiss lakeside resort of Interlaken, when 250 members of European Parliaments assemble there to talk about a "Federal Constitution" for Europe.

Their aim is to urge on the nations of Europe the immediate convocation of a Constituent Assembly for Europe and to thrash out the principles of a European Constitution.

British leaders of the European Parliamentary Union, which is calling the Interlaken Congress, have explained that at the week's meeting each of the 17 Parliaments expected to be present would dispose of a number of votes corresponding to the millions of their national population. Thus Britain will have 48 votes, Italy 47, France 42, Belgium 40 and Switzerland 40.

All nations living between the Pyrenees and the Iron Curtain will be represented, it was stated.

Parliamentarians have been invited from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Elre, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

Two Plans

All the Parliaments of Western Germany as well as the Parliament of the Saar will be represented. At least two draft plans for a European Assembly will be ready when the Interlaken Congress Assembles this week. One has been prepared by the Parliamentary Union's Juridical Committee under the chairmanship of M. Francois de Menthon.

The other comes from Mr. W. G. Mackay, Labourite and

dynamic spokesman of the European Union idea on the left, who published his 6,000-word "blueprint" last week.

It is proposed that the "Marshall plan" countries banded together in the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, shall be the "founder members" of the European Assembly.

Spain and the Eastern nations—with the exception of Russia—would be invited to join, provided they are willing to abide by the rules of the Assembly and subscribe to a declaration of human rights.

The Mackay Scheme

Although in Mr. Mackay's view the most satisfactory method for convening the Constituent Assembly would be by election, based on adult franchise, he thinks this would cause delay and that the only practical course would be to use the existing Parliaments as electing bodies.

He would give each State two deputies for each million of its population and proposes that the Assembly be called in Paris for March 31, 1949.

Federation would be known as the "Union of Europe." Its legislative power would be vested in a Parliament composed of a Senate and a Chamber of Deputies with executive power in the hands of a President elected by both Houses and a "Council" chosen by the Chamber of Deputies.

The far-reaching powers reserved to the Government of the "Union of Europe" would include foreign relations, defence, preservation of law and order within the Union, essential services, such as posts and other communications, broadcasting, immigration and emigration, as well as customs, currency and banking.—Reuter.

Demands Ignored

Jerusalem, August 29. Jewish and Arab forces in Jerusalem ignored the three demands by the United Nations authorities today to withdraw from occupied fighting positions. United Nations Observers were fired on in one area.—Reuter.

OFF THE RATION

Istanbul, August 29. Sugar rationing in Turkey will end in September, according to an announcement from Ankara. Sugar was taken off the free list of food commodities when a run virtually depleted stocks last spring.—Associated Press.

Damascus, August 29. Awad El-Bahravi Bey, Egyptian Minister to Syria and Lebanon, died here today after a heart attack. He was 55.—Reuter.

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Heat Wave Casualties

New York, August 29. The heat wave that has been scorching part of the United States has caused 147 deaths in 10 states during the last four days. Most of the dead were victims of prostration, but some were drowned as the heat drove thousands to the seashore and other watering places.—Associated Press.

Record Dive By Briton

Tarbert, Scotland, Aug. 29. A British naval diver claimed a world record underwater descent of 535 feet into Loch Fyne yesterday.

The previous record was 440 feet held by an American, according to the British Press Association.

The dive was made by Petty Officer William Ballard, 29. He reached the record depth in mid-morning but spent seven and one-quarter hours in being slowly hoisted to the surface and put through a decompression chamber.

The Admiralty said the dive was made in a flexible diving suit and added in a statement: "This is believed to be the deepest dive yet made in this form of descent. Ballard was pumped a mixture of oxygen and helium while under water instead of air.—Associated Press."

DIFFICULT WINTER FOR MUKDEN

Shanghai, August 30.

Although a difficult winter lies ahead, it is extremely unlikely that the Communists will be able to take Mukden, where the situation is far from desperate, both from the military and civilian point of view, according to M. Albert Dahoui, French Consul-General in Mukden, who arrived in Shanghai during the weekend.

He said it was probable that the food supply would continue to be irregular as it was airlifted and the runway would be under snow, but he understood the authorities were laying in stocks to meet a possible shortage.

There are very few foreigners in Mukden at present. Consular offices are being maintained by Britain, the United States, and France, while firms still open are the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Yee Tsong Tobacco Company and a Russian department store.

There are also members of the American liaison group, fathers from the French Catholic Mission and Protestant missionaries. An isolated group are 500 or 600 Russians, who have no contact with the other foreigners.

All of them are Soviet citizens, the majority of them of recent origin, and there is a steady trickle embarking on the trek to

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Neutral Zone In Jerusalem

Cairo, August 29.

All the Arab states have agreed to obey the United Nations order to establish a neutral zone in Jerusalem, effective at noon Palestine time tomorrow, according to General Ange Lundersoom, Chief of Staff of Count Bernadotte in Palestine.

A combined press dispatch from Jerusalem said the four p.m. deadline for reply had passed with no indication from the Jews whether they would comply.

General Lundersoom said the new neutral zone would be established around the already walled area surrounding the Jerusalem Agricultural School. The territory is designated as a Red Cross region in Southern Jerusalem.

The Chief of Staff said troops observers would be stationed in the neutral zone to check on any soldiers who might enter the area. He added that any such incursion would be considered a violation of the truce.

Beligents were ordered yesterday to withdraw from the security belt drawn around the Red Cross Zone by United Nations Headquarters at Haifa.

A combined press dispatch from Jerusalem said the Arab Legion had been told to withdraw from lines they held in the area and Transjordan soldiers were ordered to evacuate a house where they entered after the truce had started.—United Press.

ZION HOTEL - HOAX

Haifa, August 29.

Members of the United Nations Truce Commission were ordered out of the fashionable Zion Hotel here after a hoax telephone message saying that it was time-bombed and would blow up in 15 minutes was received early today.

As the police began to search the building, guests rapidly dressed and carried out their belongings, but after an hour and a half, nothing was discovered. The hoaxer was later arrested.—Reuter.

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THE ISLE OF THE SEVEN SLUMBERS

Paris, August 29.

French tax collectors on the mainland of Brittany have turned the spotlight on the customs of the Ile de Seigne, a desolate island off the Breton coast, known in Celtic times as "The Isle of Seven Slumbers."

From time immemorial, the 1,500 residents of the island have enjoyed a special immunity from taxes because of their poverty and paid only a local tax on dogs. And there are curiously many dogs on that barren strip of land.

Now, the tax collectors of Quimper, the Breton town to which the island is linked, have demanded the payment of State taxes but the municipal authorities have resigned in protest.

Lobster catching, fishing and potato growing are the sole means of livelihood for the inhabitants of the four miles long and less than a mile wide island, which has no police, no customs officials not even a gamekeeper.

The mayor is responsible for law and order. All the men folk are fishermen. The women cultivate the meagre crops of potatoes, onions, cabbage and poor quality grain which they feed to their poultry.

They also help to build the jet ties and the quays. Normally, the municipal authorities manage on the dog tax and their monopoly of salt, which they import from the mainland and resell to the population.

In spite of their hard, precarious life and the frequent interruption of communications with the Brittany coast by bad weather, the islanders are almost fanatically attached to their barren windswept land. Several times in their history French kings or Governments have offered to transfer them to the mainland because of their poverty but they invariably refused.—Reuter.

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MALAY PROBLEM

Efforts by the Communists to present the outbreak of terrorism in Malaya as a fight for democratic rights and national freedom do not square with what was happening there or in the neighbouring countries of Burma and Siam.

Burma enjoys full national freedom and her people have full democratic rights. Yet she too is rent by a Communist insurrectionary movement avowedly determined as in Malaya to seize power by force. Siam has never been the victim of what the Communists term 'Western Imperialism' and has maintained her independence for centuries; but she also sees in Communism a menace to her independence.

Even if there had been no general Communist forward movement throughout South East Asia, the Communist section of the Chinese in Malaya would have been tempted to take some violent action to regain the prestige they were rapidly losing.

They exhausted the goodwill they enjoyed at the end of the war; they failed to wreck constitutional reforms and their attempts to exploit labour unrest were growing less successful as peace of economic recovery increased. Their 'fellow travellers' among the Malays were only interested in the dream of Malayan imperialism under the leadership of the Indonesian Republic; the Indians would not accept Marxist leadership. Unless the Communists could coerce the bulk of the community into accepting their opinions, they would have no one behind them.

It is for this reason that the terrorist movement has from the first been directed against their fellow Chinese as well as against Europeans and Malays. In essence, the outbreak is a movement of desperation. The Malayan Government, strong in the support of the Malays themselves and of the majority of Chinese, has invited the Australian Government to arrange for a delegation of Australian Trade Unionists to visit Malaya and see for themselves what the terrorist movement really is.

The State Department in Washington has approved the shipment of supplies to Malaya on the specific ground that the rebels are marauding bandits unconnected with any nationalist movement. Nevertheless, the insurrection remains dangerous and its suppression will demand the utmost energy.

RANGOON PRECAUTIONS

Rangoon, August 29. Rangoon citizens today elected a 'peace preservation' committee to safeguard life and property within the city in view of the widely scattered Burmese insurrections.

The committee includes leading members of the city's communities, including the British colony.

The meeting also pledged wholehearted co-operation and support of the Government's campaign against insurgents.

SPANISH TALK

Madrid, August 29. The Spanish press today told Spaniards for the first time of last Wednesday's meeting at San Sebastian between General Franco and Don Juan, the President of the Spanish Throne.

No paper made any editorial comment. The official communiqué for the foreign press after the meeting had been announced stated that the 'principal object of the talk was the education of the Prince of Asturias' (Don Juan's eldest son) in Madrid—Reuter.

Two fast, high-flying Mosquitos of British European Airways, based on an English airfield, are flying over most of Europe investigating air-pockets which threaten to hold up the world's plans for high speed travel.

BRITAIN'S "GUST-HUNT"

The "gust-hunt" is now on. Every other day, from Cranfield aerodrome near Bedford, England, a British European Airways Mosquito takes off in search of the "bumps," or "air-pockets," or turbulence systems which are threatening to hold up the world's plans for high speed travel.

The "bump" has now become a major threat to progress in the direction and in the words of Mr. N. E. Rowe, the leader of the research team for which the Mosquitos collect data, "Unless we find a solution, passenger flying will remain pegged at present speeds."

It is to find that solution that the Government of Britain has asked British European Airways to fly over Europe with specially equipped aircraft investigating gust-trouble.

The air bump has suddenly become such a deadly foe because it has been found to exist, not only in clouds, but in the once supposedly clear calm air which lies "above the weather" at 30,000 feet. In that clear air there is no visible sign of warning that the gust is lying in wait. The pilot, driving along peacefully with his aircraft rock-steady, is suddenly assailed by turbulence which shakes the aircraft, though it was a lorry being driven at speed over a mountain track. The pitching is so abrupt and violent that, in an airliner, the passengers would be hurled to the roof, and finally left in limp heaps on the floor, bruised or even broken.

Unpredictable

The baffling thing is to avoid these gusts, which are invisible and unpredictable. One day the pilot meets them at 20,000 feet over Scotland, and the next at 30,000 feet over Holland. He may fly from London to Lisbon every day for a week without incident, and then, suddenly, on the next trip, the aircraft has like a cocktail shaker. By the time the pilot has gripped the controls and slowed down, the damage is done.

Major Problem

Since these gusts seem to lurk at the heights which the fast new gas turbine machines are proposing to use; and since their violent effect is multiplied by the cube of the speed at which they are hit, then obviously all civilian operators have a major problem on their hands.

This phenomenon of clear air gusts was first noticed during World War when height had as great an advantage as speed. Aircrew who had been flying fast at levels in the neighbourhood of 30,000 feet began to report gust-trouble.

Mr. Rowe, controller of research and development at British European Airways, realised that the gusts would menace the De Havilland jet liner, possibly the big Brabazon I and the 140-ton Saunders Roe flying boat which were the backbone of Britain's post-war civil air plans. He felt that a scientific investigation should be made.

Accordingly, two of the fastest and highest flying aircraft available were allocated to the job—Mosquitos previously used on long distance photographic reconnaissance. These Mosquitos

were equipped with the latest navigational aids and the small cockpit was further crowded with special instruments to record the violence and duration of the gusts. The research unit was then based near the College of Aeronautics at Cranfield, whence it has in the past months been conducting its flight research.

The test pilot, Captain T. T. Thomas, distinguished flying cross and bar, was chosen for his experience of high altitude high speed flying, and also because he happens to be a Fellow

By **Charles Gardner**
Air Correspondent to the British Broadcasting Corporation

of Britain's Royal Meteorological Society. So far Thomas and his navigator, Mr. D. L. Jones, have made many sorties over Europe and over the sea searching for gusts. They have found several turbulent areas and collected data about them.

No Theory As To Cause

So far as can be seen at present, these gust areas seem to be anything between 50 and 100 miles across, and about 1,500 feet thick. They seem to occur anywhere at any time and there is, as yet, no theory as to their cause.

Each time the Mosquito encounters a gust area, Thomas and Jones make a thorough investigation. They climb up through it, and go down again, measuring accurately the height layers through which the turbulence occurs. They record temperatures to great accuracy. It is possible that temperature (it is possible that temperature is the cause of the disturbance) and use every known navigational method to fix precisely the area's geographical position.

Their data is later sifted, examined and plotted by the unit's scientific officers who hope in time to find the cause of these disturbances.

As this is an international problem, all countries in Europe have been notified of the experiments, and all are co-operating. In the United States, too, facts are being gathered, and it is likely that more and more international scientific effort will be devoted to this, one of the most perplexing problems of modern aviation.

At first it was thought that clear air gusts might be associated with frontal systems beneath them, but this was found not to be so. Similar work of elimination now leads Mr. Rowe to think that we shall never be able to forecast gust areas in any particular geographical position. From that point of view they are likely to be as elusive to the meteorologist as is precise knowledge about the exact time and place of a rain storm. What Mr. Rowe does hope, however, is that we shall be able to forecast height levels at which gusts can be expected on any given day. If this is so, then the airline captains of the future will be able to fly above or below the invisible gusts just as they now fly above or below the visible cloud.

PAKISTAN REFUGEE CAMP SHOOTING
Lahore, August 29.

A committee of four West Punjab refugee members of the Legislative Assembly reported today that 22 refugees were killed and 150 were injured when the police opened fire last Monday night at the Moslem refugee camps at Montgomery, 140 miles southwest of Lahore.

Another 80 were said to be missing, added the Committee, which has been collecting evidence on the disturbances.

The first reports said that five refugees had been killed and seven injured. It was stated at the time that the police fired on 50,000 refugees demonstrating against the arrest of one of their leaders, after making a baton charge and using tear gas. They fired "to restore order." Later, 20 platoons of the West Punjab Constabulary and tanks surrounded the camp.

The report published today alleged that firing by the police was unwarranted and could certainly have been avoided.

"The Government gave a distorted version of the whole incident," it added.

"The refugees, who were fired upon were unarmed. No objectionable slogans were raised by the refugees and they were quite peaceful."

Montgomery, model irrigation settlement in the south-west of the Punjab, was named after Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, who administered the Punjab in the last century.—Reuter.

BERLIN AIRLIFT
Berlin, August 29.

The Anglo-American air lift armada made 674 flights carrying an estimated 4,100 tons of foodstuffs into Berlin in a 24-hour period ending at noon Sunday, the 67th day of the Soviet blockade of Berlin.

American planes made 391 sorties with 3,962 tons of supplies, the United States Air Force announced. The R.A.F. sent 280 planes into Berlin with an estimated 1,218 tons of supplies. The British did not release an official figure on tonnage carried.—Associated Press.

London, August 29.

The cruiser London, flagship of the Pacific Fleet, has been recalled to Hong Kong from a two-months' cruise in Japanese waters and will sail shortly for Singapore. The Admiralty announced today.—Reuter.

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BIRTH OF SECOND GERMAN REPUBLIC
Berlin, August 29.

The second German Republic will be born on Wednesday, nine years from the day when Adolf Hitler started the war that destroyed his Third Reich.

On that day the Assembly, which will lay the constitutional foundation, will meet at Bonn on the Rhine.

Fall Of French Cabinet

Paris, August 29.

The fall of another French government within a month has caused deep shock in the country.

"We will not like it, but we need a dictator," said a Brittany farmer.

He and other farmers from the countryside were thrashing out one of the richest harvests in recent years. The farmers were happy about it, but not the workers, nor the threshing machine operator. Prices are mounting faster than wages, and the shakeup in the government means a longer wait for stability in the government and in the financial system.

A two day tour of Brittany which included one day before the government fell and one day afterward, showed the reaction everywhere was much the same. Before the government had fallen, a hotel owner said stability must be brought to the country by any means.

The next day after the government had fallen—the talk seemed to centre on General Charles De Gaulle. Brittany is considered De Gaulle country in France. There were many critics of the general but these critics rejected the sense of desperation which seems to have come to many Frenchmen. Things seem about to get started then political action break up the government.

A restaurant owner said "when we had De Gaulle, he walked out on us. Because of that we have lost four years. But now who have we got?"

He was recalling how De Gaulle came into power after the liberation then left when he failed to get the kind of a constitution he wanted.

A town official said a lot of people were tired of political wrangling. "We cannot go on much longer this way," he said.

Throughout Brittany the crops seemed good. Markets were loaded with fruit and vegetables. Farmers know that prices are going up and they hold their produce as long as they can.

No government has been strong enough to come to grips with this. The government fell Saturday because it wanted to raise the fixed price of farm products so more of it would move to the cities. The Socialists did not cooperate unless wages of city workers were raised enough to match the price increases. The government proposed wage increases but not enough to suit the Socialists.

The rich land of Brittany seemed to be struggling almost physically to bring France out of her troubles. A Brittany farmer said that wheat land this year yielded 35 quintals per hectare against 22 quintals last year. Trees hang heavily with fruit. Market gardens are lush. Farmers were happy when talking about crops but when the subject of the government crisis came up they turned grim.—Associated Press.

Meeting Arranged

Several letters have been exchanged between Dr. Suhr and General Kotikov since Friday, when demonstrators invaded the City Hall in the Soviet sector for the second time within 24 hours, and broke up a meeting of the Assembly that had just begun.

Dr. Suhr requested that General Kotikov ban demonstrations in the area of the City Hall and take other steps to ensure the safety of Deputies. General Kotikov replied midnight on Friday, asking for elucidation, and Dr. Suhr wrote a second letter yesterday clarifying his requests.

Dr. Suhr said this afternoon that he proposed calling a meeting of the City Elders tomorrow, and would call a meeting of the City Assembly in the City Hall for Tuesday in General Kotikov met his demands.

If his demands were not met, Dr. Suhr said, he would call the meeting in one of the Western Sectors.

Berlin's Soviet-licensed newspapers charged today that the City Elders were entirely Agitation-controlled and that their meetings were presided over by "an American, Captain Biel."

The Neues Deutschland, official Socialist Unity Party newspaper, launched a long attack on the City authorities and the City Assembly in particular, describing the latter as "the so-called City Assembly."—Reuter.

THE CRUISE OF THE PACIFIC FLEET

The cruiser London, flagship of the Pacific Fleet, has been recalled to Hong Kong from a two-months' cruise in Japanese waters and will sail shortly for Singapore. The Admiralty announced today.—Reuter.

MOSCOW AGREEMENT IN SIGHT

Communique Expected After New Molotov Meeting Highest Hopes Now Entertained

Moscow, August 29.
Prospects appear good for a procedural agreement this week at the four power talks in the Kremlin, it was learned on excellent authority today. The three Western diplomats negotiating with Russian leaders conferred at the US Embassy for 45 minutes today after the arrival of an awaited message from one of the Western capitals.

Soviet Miners' Target

Moscow, August 29.
Soviet Miners' Day was celebrated as a national holiday for the first time throughout the Soviet Union today.
The miners plan to increase annual output to 250 million tons by 1950—84 million tons more than in 1940.
All papers today devoted many columns to the occasion—the Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party paper, giving three of its six pages to the subject.
The workers of the coal industry are faced with a tremendous task—to bring annual coal output to 500 million tons within approximately the next three Five-Year plans, the paper declared.
Today, the Donetz field is producing over 60 per cent of the pre-war output, the Moscow coal basin, restored in ten months is producing nearly two and a half times more coal than before the war.
"The miners of the eastern coal area, who gained great glory during the war years, have achieved new substantial successes."
"As a result, as early as last year, the coal industry of the U.S.S.R. exceeded the pre-war level of output," the Pravda said.—Reuter.

Rumanian Cabinet Reshuffle

Bucharest, Aug. 29.
Yesterday's reshuffle of the Rumanian Cabinet indicates a strengthening of the Rumanian Workers Party founded at the Joint Congress of the Communist and Socialist parties early this year.
Dr. Vasile Marza, the new Minister of Health, and Dr. Eduard Mezinescu, who has taken over the Ministry of Arts and Information, are both members of the Communist-dominated Workers Party, and their appointment means that the party now holds all the Ministerial portfolios.
Prior to his present appointment, Dr. Mezinescu was Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he worked in close collaboration with Dr. Anna Pauker, the Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

Israel Pound In Favour

Haifa, August 29.
Arab refugees are trying to sell their green Palestine pounds for the blue Israel pounds even though at a heavy loss, United Nations officials reported today.
These officials, arriving from Syria and Lebanon, said that they are being constantly approached especially in Beirut by Arab refugees from Palestine who offer as much as three Palestine for one Israel pound.
Transjordan is now the only country where the Palestine pound is official tender although it is no longer backed by Britain.
A United Nations pilot just returned from Amman, said that even there some businessmen preferred the Israel exchange.—United Press.

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Sex Crimes Increase

London, August 29.
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There has been a steady increase, every year in sex crimes from 5,018 cases in 1938 to 9,329 in 1946. The figures for 1947 are not yet available, but it is considered certain that they will show further considerable increase.—Reuter.

Soviet Zone Purge

Berlin, August 29.
Despatches in Western-licensed Berlin papers indicated today that a large scale purge of Germany's Communist-Socialist Party is underway in the Russian zone.
The official American German language paper, Neue Zeitung, reported that released inmates of Russian concentration camps had been told that they were being cleared out to make room for prisoners taken in a "large scale" campaign of arrests.
The paper said that the persons charged are being locked in a five-mile long concentration camp in Russian-occupied Saxony.
The French-licensed Kurier reported that Russian authorities in Halle have circulated a confidential letter warning Soviet Officers not to trust the Social Unity Party.—United Press.

FIRST CARS PASS THROUGH BLOCKADE

Berlin, August 29.
Heinrich Rau, Economic Chief of the Soviet Zone of Germany, declared at the opening of the Leipzig Trade Fair today that he expected from the Moscow conference "positive results on the lines of the Potsdam Agreement."
Dr. Rau also launched an appeal for increased trade between the Western and Eastern Zones and spoke of what conditions would be like "after the lifting of the transport blockade between the East and West."

"I expect the Moscow conference to bring positive results on the lines of the Potsdam Agreement of 1945—the economic and political unity of Germany," he said.
"Difficulties will, however, arise when the transport blockade between East and West is lifted."
"The separate currencies, and the inclusion of the Western Zones in the Marshall Plan produce difficulties that will have to be solved."

Dr. Rau spoke of trade agreements made between the Soviet Zone and the nations of eastern Europe. Trade with Poland had greatly increased, he said, particularly imports of coal.

Danger To Germany
In what was apparently a reference to the fact that the Western powers have stopped shipments of Ruhr coal to the Eastern Zone, he declared: "We regard the fact that we are having to import coal from Poland as a danger to Germany."
"We desire increased international trade, but it will be understood that we are having to make trade agreements with eastern Europe because we cannot wait until Western Germany sends us what we need."
The first two American motor-cars to leave Berlin since the traffic blockade began on June 23 passed through the military police autobahn check point on the boundary between the American sector of Berlin and the Russian Zone today.
Both cars contained American citizens on their way to the Fair, the opening of which caused the Russians to lift for one week the blockade, seal they put round Berlin more than two months ago.

BERLIN REDS ISSUE

NO QUARTER DECLARATION

Communist leaders called on their supporters today for new efforts to overthrow the city government and supplant it with a Red dominated action committee.
The democratically elected government, fighting for its life against the Communist tactics of rioting, hoped that the four power talks in Moscow would bring them respite.

But the Communists issued a "no quarter" declaration in their political warfare aimed at cutting blockaded Berlin off from the West and incorporating it into the Soviet zone.

The plan of the Communist-controlled Socialist Unity party (SED) to put a hand-picked 21 member action committee in the driver's seat was outlined in a special proclamation.

The special committee would be made up of three members of the present Government, nine members of the city assembly and nine "citizens" to be chosen from the Communist faction of the city's Trade Union Federation.

Communist representation from the legislative and executive sections of the Government, added to the "citizen" membership, would give the Communists solid control of the committee.

The Communists said their committee would work in closest co-operation with the Communist-controlled German economic commission of the Soviet zone. This would mean virtual incorporation of Berlin into the Soviet zone.

Communist Tactics
The Communists also demanded immediate withdrawal of western sponsored currency from Berlin, even though this issue is reported being discussed by the four powers in Moscow.

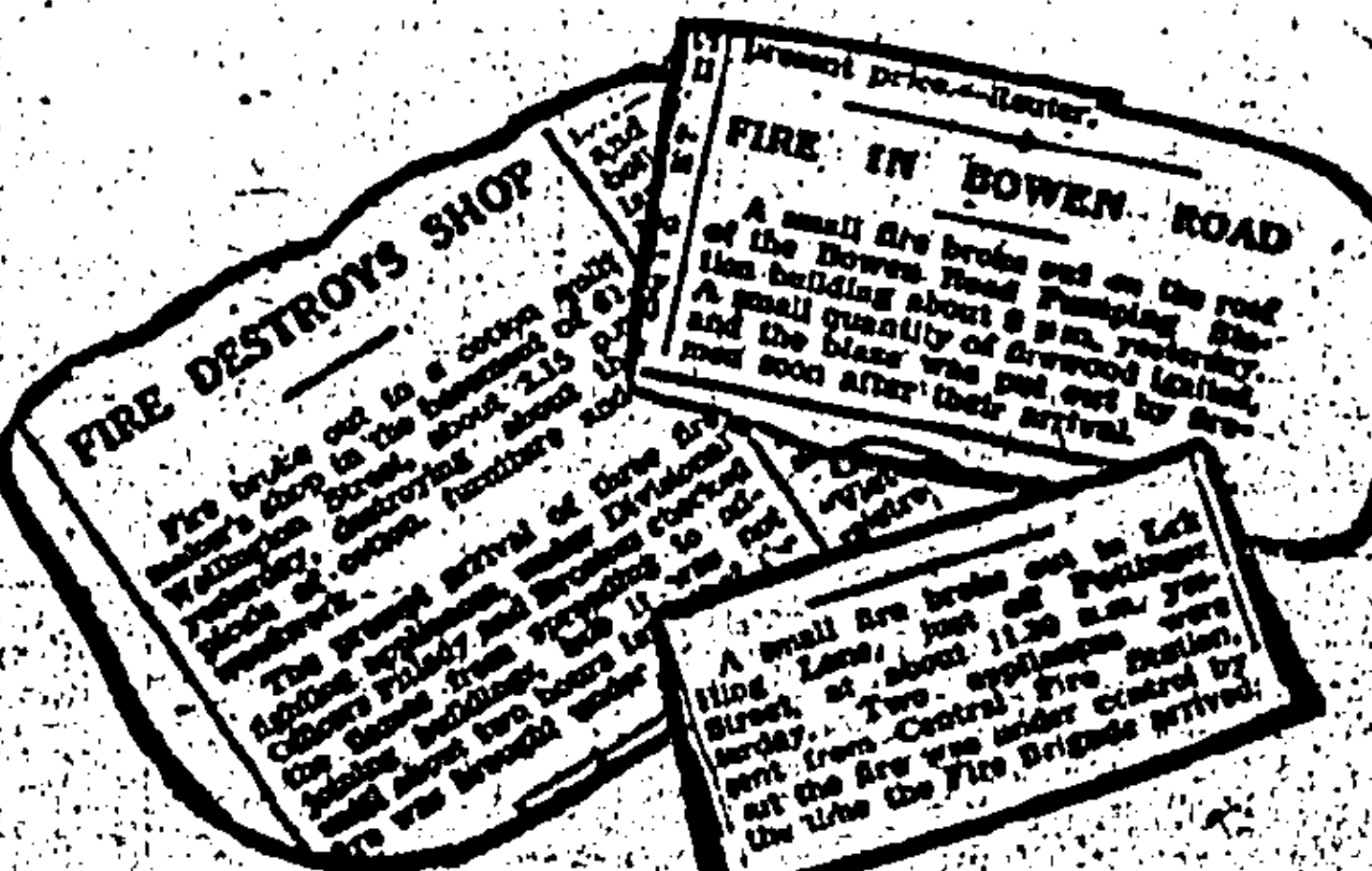
The Non-Communists have said they will fight to keep the elected city Government and parliament in office until they are replaced in a democratic election. The SED does not want any elections, which normally would be in October. It took a beating in the last Berlin election. SED leaders called on the "workers of Berlin" to continue an "unrelaxed fight against the city Government majority and place all your power behind the SED programme."
They thanked the demonstrators whose rioting and abuse preceded the City Council meeting twice last week, and praised them for their "initiative."

URANIUM NOT IN OPERATION SQUIRREL

Washington, August 29.
Uranium, the raw material of atomic bombs, is too difficult to store and none is being stored away in the United States' US\$3,400,000,000 war chest.

This was shown in a report on "Operation Squirrel," as the U.S. Munitions Board's stockpiling of critical war materials is unofficially called.

Uranium, radium and 17 other materials are classed as "posing problems of storage such as out-weight the advantages of stockpiling them."
Because of the "unsettled international conditions," the Board's previous slow steady buying of 87 items has increased. Some US\$490,000,000 will be spent or obligated by June 1949 of which US\$219,000,000 will actually be delivered.
In contract, only US\$87,000,000 worth of materials was delivered in the two years since the stockpiling programme started.
About 25 per cent of the overall goal of US\$3,402,997,000 is on hand or "in sight," the Board reported, but hinted that with conditions rising, the goal may be raised.
The Board explained, "National security now requires accelerated stockpiling" and though the Board has tried to avoid distur-



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SINGAPORE TRUSTS THE OLD GANG

Singapore, August 29.
The influential "Straits Times" in an editorial today declared that there was "unwisdom in Malaya that the control of Malayan affairs is passing into the hands of men who are newcomers to the country at a time when it faces its greatest peacetime crisis."
Referring to the rumoured appointment of Sir Henry Gurney, former Chief Secretary to the Malayan Government, as Malaya's High Commissioner, the "Straits Times" expressed satisfaction with the present acting High Commissioner, Sir Alec Newbould, who was a Malayan civil servant before the war.
"Many people in Malaya want no change," the paper added. Pointing out that another "ex-Palestinian," Colonel W. N. Gray, former Inspector General of the Palestine police, had recently been appointed Malayan Police Commissioner and that 500 ex-Palestinian police had been transferred to Malaya, the newspaper said that there were rumours that Colonel Gray's second-in-command would also be an "ex-Palestinian."
Recent developments had disturbed the Malayan police and the newspaper urged Colonel Gray not only to use his aggressive leadership against the terrorists but also sympathetically to handle the officers and men under him.—Reuter.

Bulgarian Protest To Turkey

Sofia, August 29.
Bulgaria has filed a strong protest against Turkey's refusal to hand over for trial seven Bulgarian citizens accused of murder, the Foreign Office announced today.
The seven Bulgarians were charged with seizing a Bulgarian aeroplane and landing it in Turkey after killing the pilot and radio operator and wounding another member of the crew. They were alleged to have seized control of the plane to escape from the Bulgarian authorities.
Turkish officials announced that the trials will be held in Turkey where the alleged crime occurred. Foreign Office authorities said that the five-page note of protest filed in Ankara by members of the Bulgarian Legation "most energetically protested against this behaviour of the Turkish authorities in Istanbul because it will invite repeating of such crimes and cannot but create a feeling of surprise and indignation among the Bulgarians."
United Press.

Finnish Communists Celebrate

Helsinki, August 29.
The Finnish Communist Party's 30 year jubilee celebrations ended today with a colourful demonstration through the streets of Helsinki.
More than 13,000 people, including veterans of the 1918 civil war, took part in the parade, which was led by Matti Kuusinen, Minister without portfolio, the Party President. Aaro Uusitalo, the Secretary General, also took part.
The foreign representatives carried their own banners, but Finland's national colour, blue and white, dominated the scene.
Speaking before an audience of specially invited guests in the Finnish National Theatre last night, Mrs. Kuusinen, Leino, declared that Finland's peace policy got a new backbone in the Finnish-Russian friendship pact. The Finnish Communist Party will do its utmost to prevent Finland from being dragged into a new war for reaction," she said.—Associated Press.

DEATH SENTENCES

Athens, August 29.
Thirteen alleged members of the Communist underground—three women and 10 men—were sentenced to death by a court martial here yesterday.
Seven other defendants got life imprisonment, 11 were sentenced to from one to 15 years and 21 acquitted.—United Press.

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HALDANE ACCUSES AMERICA And Britain Of Organising For The Next War

He Didn't Scream She Did

London, August 29.
When Wynford Vaughan Thomas, television broadcaster, came home with a bandaged finger last night, Mrs. Thomas knew without being told that he had tangled with an irritated reptile.
She saw it happen on her television screen in her Kensington home. Her husband was broadcasting impressions from the London Zoo.
An attendant showed Thomas a long Chinese lizard called a gecko and just as he was explaining what a sweet disposition it had, the gecko clamped its powerful jaws on Thomas' finger.
He didn't scream but Mrs. Thomas—some miles away—did. The technicians managing the broadcast were so delighted with the unexpected excitement that they kept their cameras and microphones trained on the spouting blood and the process of prying open the lizard's jaws with a pen knife.
"Luckily I had the presence of mind not to say anything because any remarks at the moment would not have been fit for broadcast," Thomas said.—Associated Press.

Denounces "The New Imperialism"

Wroclaw, August 29.
The Congress of Intellectuals in a final session on Saturday accused the West of threatening a new war.

Professor J. B. S. Haldane declared: "I agree with the (Congress) statement that the danger of a new war is coming from America."

Mr. Bryn Hynde of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, former member of the State Department and President of the New York School of Social Research called the Congress aimless and described the final resolution as "wittily formulated in beautiful language."

The principle points in the Congress resolution were:
Firstly, A group of people in America and Europe wanting profit and inheriting from Fascism the ideas of superiority of race... aim to prepare for an assault on the intellectual acquisitions of the world... In many countries as in Greece, Spain and in Latin America, forces hostile to peace protect old autocracies.
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ALBANIAN PURGE OF TITO-ITES

Belgrade, August 29.
A widespread purge of Albanian Communists sympathetic towards Yugoslavia started today on orders of the Albanian Premier, Colonel General Enver Hoxha.

An unimpeachable source disclosed that up to now over 3,000 Albanians have been arrested. Two thousand of these were gaoled before economic relations with Yugoslavia were broken at the beginning of July and 1,000 since then.

The source said that the arrested included several close friends of Premier Hoxha and many with first-class war records. Among them is Huri Huta, well-known Albanian journalist and secretary of the Yugoslav Albanian Society for cultural collaboration. He headed the Albanian delegation to the United Nations conference at Geneva on the freedom of information.

He was arrested two weeks ago and as a protest against the brutal treatment to which he was subjected, he has been on a hunger strike for the last four days.

Those particularly affected by the purge are Albanian officials whose jobs brought them into regular contact with the Yugoslavs when relations between the two countries were normal and friendly.

Rough Treatment

It is stated that the arrests have been subjected to rough treatment and kept confined under bad conditions in an underground prison near Tirana where they are cut off completely from contact with the outside world.

The purge has been followed by an exodus of Albanians fleeing across the border into Yugoslavia.

Daily numbers are increasing despite the hazardous nature of the trip across the mountains. A member of the Albanian Legation in Belgrade was recently recalled on account of his friendly attitude towards Yugoslavia. He refused to return. A dispatch of notes to Hungary and Rumania, accusing them of advocating the overthrow of the Tito regime, has been followed by mass meetings and demonstrations throughout Yugoslavia.

Hundreds of thousands of workers, peasants and intellectuals throughout the country have called for an end to these "staggering campaigns" and insisted that the truth should be written and told.

Today workers' brigades with Yugoslav flags were marching through downtown Belgrade under a blazing sun singing partisan songs in demonstration of their solidarity with Marshal Tito.—United Press.

Amsterdam, Aug. 29.
The World Council of Churches, after a week's deliberations on world problems, paused today for religious services.

Its first assembly will run through the forthcoming week coinciding with Holland's Royal Jubilee week. The Assembly will adjourn on Saturday, the day Queen Wilhelmina abdicates in favour of her daughter Juliana.

The Church council is preparing committee and section reports on a variety of subjects, including Communism, the Christian attitude towards Jews, and pacifism. Out of these will come final pronouncements during the week in the form of a Christian message from the Protestant and Orthodox gathering. The Roman Catholic and Russian Orthodox Churches did not attend.

Queen Wilhelmina, a Protestant Reformed Dutch Church member, has sent her regrets to the Council, that the Jubilee festivities have prevented her active participation in the Council activities. Princess Juliana and her husband, Prince Bernhard, attended the Council early this week at a plenary session.—Associated Press.

One View Of Malayan Business

London, August 29.
Demands that all British troops be immediately withdrawn from Malaya were made by the Lancashire and Cheshire Federation of Trades Councils and by the Southall Trades Council.

"We are horrified to think that in our name men, women and children are being killed and villages bombed," says the Southall resolution. "Methods of barbarity and frightfulness are being used against a people battling for their freedom."—Reuter.

Police Clash With Razakars

Bombay, August 29.
Armed police reinforcements were being rushed tonight to Polampalli village, 60 miles from Bezwada, Madras Province, following a clash between Razakars (a Muslim military organisation) and the Madras police. It was officially learned.

Reports state that the Razakars were supported by Hyderabad troops. A dispatch from Bangalore said the Mysore State Government has taken precautions to meet any emergency and in particular against possible gun-running and arms smuggling into Hyderabad from Mysore.

Proprietors of hotels and lodging houses have been ordered to report to the police the arrival and departure of people coming into Mysore from Hyderabad and Pakistan, and guards have been posted at power houses, pumping stations and telephone exchanges.—Reuter.

He denounced the resolution and declared "the Americans have no prejudice towards races and religions."

He praised the Marshall Plan and blamed the American Press for preparing for war but declared that Russia along with the United States has tendencies to imperialism.—United Press.

TRIAL ORDERED

Tel Aviv, August 29.
The trial of the two British employees of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation on charges of espionage, will be held in the Jerusalem District Court on Wednesday.—United Press.

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